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SUBJECT: BRAZIL-U.S. SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

REF: (A) BRASILIA 6537, (B) STATE 18634

1. AGATT, ECON COUNSELOR AND ECONOFF MET ON AUGUST 28 WITH MINAG'S DR. ANTONIO LICIO TO INFORMALLY DISCUSS SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE. LICIO REPORTED ON STATUS OF GOB'S PREPARATIONS AND IDEAS ABOUT SEPT 20-21 MEETING.

2. LICIO SAID THAT MINAG AND OTHER AGENCIES WERE LOOKING AT THE FIVE BROAD POINTS OUTLINED PARA 2 REFTEL AND WERE PREPARING CONCRETE PROJECT PROPOSALS. SOME OF THESE WERE REACTIONS TO USDA PRESENTATIONS AND SOME WERE NEW INITIATIVES. AN INTERAGENCY MEETING WILL BE HELD SEPT 4 TO DISCUSS THESE PROPOSALS AND A DRAFT OF THE RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY. WHEN RECEIVED EMBASSY WILL CABLE.

3. LICIO INDICATED THAT GOB DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY MINISTER PROENCA ROSA, CHIEF OF ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM AGRICULTURE, PLANNING, MINES & ENERGY AND INDUSTRY & COMMERCE.

4. EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD
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FOCUS ON PROJECT SPECIFICS, SEEKING TO DETERMINE PRIORITY PROJECTS AND APPROPRIATE MECHANISMS. TERMS OF REFERENCE UNDER WHICH SUB-GROUP WOULD OPERATE WOULD ALSO BE ON AGENDA. NO NEW OVERALL AGREEMENT IS ENVISAGED.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CABLE U.S. FORMAL PROPOSALS AND RELATED BRIEFING PAPERS. ALSO REQUEST INFORMATION ON U.S.

DELEGATION AND TRAVEL SCHEDULE OF EACH MEMBER AS IT
BECOMES AVAILABLE (REF A). ALTHOUGH WORKING SESSIONS
WITH GOB WILL TAKE PLACE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 20 AND MORNING AND
AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 21, DELEGATION SHOULD REMAIN IN
BRASILIA AT LEAST THROUGH MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 22 IN EVENT
FURTHER--PERHAPS INFORMAL--CONTACT WITH GOB IS DESIRABLE.
U.S. DELEGATION WILL HOLD ITS FIRST
INTERNAL MEETING IN EMBASSY ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 20.
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